

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
COURT CLOSING ON DECEMBER 26, 2003

WHEREAS, The Governor has exercised his power under State Personnel and Pensions Article § 9-201 *et seq.*, giving Executive Branch employees of the State government a holiday on December 26th; and

WHEREAS, Normally, the need for courts to be open would be paramount, but closing under these circumstances would mitigate against confusion amongst litigants and others believing that all government offices are closed and afford Judicial Branch employees the same benefits granted to Executive Branch personnel;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and administrative head of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, do hereby order that the Judicial Branch, including the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland, the Circuit Courts for Baltimore City and the Counties, the District Court of Maryland other than the Commissioners' offices, the Orphans' Courts, the offices of the Clerks of Courts, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the court-related agencies shall be closed on Friday, December 26, 2003.

/s/ Robert M. Bell
Chief Judge

Filed: December 9, 2003
/s/ Alexander L. Cummings
Clerk
Court of Appeals of Maryland